



Proclamation

Schools contribute to the future of America and the development of our nation's youth as educated, responsible and productive citizens by providing an education that will enable them to become responsible and productive citizens.

Excellence in education depends on a safe, secure and peaceful school setting. The safety and well-being of our students, teachers and school staff is a top priority among educators, law enforcement and policymakers.

School safety includes keeping campuses free of crime and violence, improving discipline and encouraging student attendance. Schools that are safe and free from violence, weapons and drugs offer an environment where students can thrive.

There are hundreds of exemplary programs in place that ensure schools are safe, secure and productive. One of the most successful is The Hawai'i McGruff Crime Prevention Campaign.

Established in 1986, The Hawai'i McGruff Crime Prevention Campaign instills the concept of crime prevention and safety in our state's youth at an early age. Over the past twenty years, the program has significantly influenced and raised the awareness of the dangers of drugs and crime on Hawai'i's children.

America's Safe Schools Week recognizes and promotes this year's campaign to *Take a Bite out of Crime*. The goal of this week is to coordinate education and law enforcement policymakers, as well as students, parents and community residents, to vigorously advocate school safety.

THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE, Governor of the State of Hawai'i, and I, JAMES R. "DUKE" AIONA Jr., Lieutenant Governor, do hereby proclaim October 15 – 21, 2006 as

HAWAI'I'S SAFE SCHOOLS WEEK

in the Aloha State, and encourage all of Hawai'i's residents to work together to make our state's schools safe, secure and peaceful places for learning, teaching and working.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this tenth day of October 2006.

A handwritten signature of Linda Lingle in black ink.

Linda Lingle
Governor, State of Hawai'i

A handwritten signature of James R. "Duke" Aiona, Jr. in black ink.

James R. "Duke" Aiona, Jr.
Lieutenant Governor, State of Hawai'i